

Appl. No. 09/945,393

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-13, 15-33, 35-40, and 42-50 are pending in the application with claim 50 amended herein and claims 8, 10-13, 15-19, 28-33, 39, 40, and 42-44 withdrawn. The pending claims are subject to a species restriction. Applicant hereby elects with traverse the first species directed to "a monolayer of tantalum oxide and a monolayer of zirconium oxide." Applicant traverses on the ground that a more appropriate species description is "a monolayer containing tantalum and oxygen and a monolayer containing oxygen and zirconium." Applicant requests correction in the next Office Action.

Applicant asserts that claims 1-7, 20-27, 35-38, and 45-50 are readable upon the elected species. The remaining claims are withdrawn as indicated above. Applicant requests consideration of claims 1-7, 20-27, 35-38, and 45-50 in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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